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Agriculture and Natural Resources Activities Day at U of M, Crookston Includes More than 20 Contests for High School Students on Friday, Dec. 6, 2013

*By Itollefts on Thursday, November 21, 2013*December at the University of Minnesota Crookston brings the excitement and challenge of Agriculture and Natural Resources Activities Day. Students from more than 50 high schools, chapters and clubs will be on campus on Friday, December 6, 2013, to compete in more than 20 contests. The Ag and Natural Resources Day competition has been held for more than 30 years on the Crookston campus. The day begins early with registration for the equine contests beginning at 7:15 a.m. With contests ranging from horticulture and forestry to ag mechanics, livestock and sales, the day brings out the competitive spirit of students culminating in an awards ceremony. The contests are overseen by U of M Crookston Agriculture and Natural Resources Department faculty. All activities conclude with the awards ceremony at 1:15 p.m.in Lysaker Gymnasium. The awards ceremony recognizes the day's winning individuals and teams. Scholarships and plaques are awarded to school teams and individuals for each contest. Last year, \$750 UMC scholarships were awarded for the high individual in each contest, \$600 UMC scholarships were awarded for the second place individual, and \$450 UMC scholarships were awarded for the third place individual. In all, more than \$32,000 in scholarships is awarded during the competition. More information regarding Ag and Natural Resources Activities Day is available by contacting Leah Stroot at 218-281-8101 or visit www.umcrookston.edu/agnatrday. Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 28 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 11 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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